

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Norio KOMA

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: H. Lee

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Norio Koma, of 1-6 Takayajori, Kitagata-cho, Motosu-gun, Gifu, Japan, declare that:

1. I am the named inventor of the above-captioned U.S. patent application.
2. I am informed that U. S. Pat. No. 5,859,683 to Tagusa et al. having a filing date of September 27, 1996, and U. S. Pat. No. 5,808,712 to Hishida et al. having a filing date of September 25, 1996, were cited in an office action in the above-captioned U.S. application, although not relied on to reject any claims.
3. The invention claimed in the above-captioned U.S. application was partly described in my Japanese patent application No. Hei 8-43675, filed in Japan on February 29, 1996, a verified English translation of which is attached hereto. In particular, the subject matter shown in Figs. 1-14 and described in pages 12-28 (up to "Embodiment 3") of the Description of Preferred Embodiment in the above-captioned U.S. application (referred to as the "identified subject matter" in this Declaration), was described in the above Japanese application. As such, the invention of the "identified subject matter" was complete at least by the date of February 29, 1996, which is a date earlier than the filing dates of the Tagusa et al. and Hishida et al. references.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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